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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JA, US

SUBJECT: GOJ REQUEST FOR SUMMIT

REF: TOKYO 18858

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY TODAY CONVEYED FORMALLY TO DEPARTMENT
PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S DESIRE FOR A US-JAPAN SUMMIT "AT
EARLIEST MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE" FOLLOWING INAUGURATION.
EMBASSY NOTED THAT WHILE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO COME
TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, DIET SCHEDULE WOULD
HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND GOJ RECOGNIZES THERE
WILL BE MANY DEMANDS ON PRESIDENT'S TIME AS WELL. GOJ
THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT SPECIFIC TIMING BE WORKED OUT
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

2. IN CONVEYING GOJ REQUEST EMBOFF OFFERED INFORMAL AND
"UNAUTHORIZED" SPECULATION RE TIMING WHICH WAS VERY
SIMILAR TO ASAO COMMENTS IN PARA 2 REFTTEL, I.E. THAT LATTER
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PART OF FEBRUARY WAS EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE IN VIEW OF
DIET SCHEDULE.
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